

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 187-221 were presented for consideration in this divisional application by preliminary amendment. Claim 219 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 187-218, 220 and 221 are currently pending in this application.

The examiner's indication that claims 217 and 218 are allowed, and that claim 207 contains allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 187-189, 192-194, 199, 200, 202, 203, 206, 208, 209, 211-216, 220 and 221 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,687,791 to Beck, et al. In section 2 of the Office Action it is indicated that different areas about the formation 16 of Beck are considered to correspond to the first and second zones recited in the independent claims. In this manner, it is also considered that a lower portion of the tubing string 18 is in communication with the first and second zones, so that the tubing string corresponds to the internal chamber recited in the independent claims 187 and 203.

Please note that the independent claims 187 and 203 have been amended above to make it clear that the first and second zones are isolated from each other in the wellbore when the fluid is flowed into the chamber from the first zone. Beck clearly does not disclose this feature of the invention as now recited in independent claims 187 and 203. Instead, Beck describes that the lower portion of the tubing string 18 is in communication with the different areas about the formation 16 but is not in selective communication with any zone which is isolated from the formation 16 at the time the formation fluid is flowed into the chamber from the formation 16. Therefore, Beck does

not anticipate claims 187 or 203, and the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 187 and 203, and their dependents.

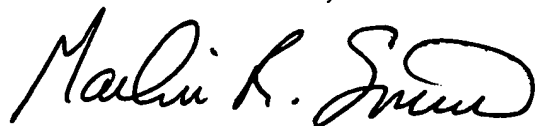
In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.116, the above amendment to claims 187 and 203 does place the claims in better condition for consideration on appeal. The above amendment to claims 187 and 203 places the claims in better form for consideration on appeal, since it eliminates any need to consider this issue of what constitutes a "zone" on appeal.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all of the claims pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of claims 187-218, 220 and 221 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 516-0030 if such would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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